

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the following paragraph in its entirety (located on page 1, after the title and before the first line):

~~This application claims the benefit of Japanese Application 2003-092511, filed March 28, 2003, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 5-15 as follows:

The first through fourth active hard brazing materials 18, 20, 28, 30 should preferably be an active hard brazing material containing an active element or elements.

The active element or elements may be at least one of elements belonging to the periodic table, group 2A, such as Mg, Sr, Ca, Ba, Be, etc., group ~~3A~~3B, such as Ce, etc., group ~~4A~~4B, such as Ti, Zr, etc., group ~~5A~~5B, such as Nb, etc., or group ~~4B~~3A, such as B, Si, etc. In the present embodiment, the first through fourth active hard brazing materials 18, 20, 28, 30 comprise a hard brazing material of Ag - Cu - In - Ti where Ti is an active element.